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## KNESSET REJECTS LABOR MOTION FOR UNILATERAL 2-STAGE PULLOUT FROM LEBANON BY 55-47 VOTE

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, June 8 (JTA) -- The Knesset voted 55-47 today to reject a Labor Alignment motion calling for a unilateral two-stage withdrawal of Israeli forces from Lebanon. There were three abstentions. But two members of Likud's Liberal Party wing, Yitzhak Beman and Dror Seigeman, voted with the opposition.

The Labor proposal called for the pull-back of Israeli forces from its present lines in the dangerous Shouf mountain region now and complete withdrawal from Lebanon within the next few months, regardless of whether Syria refuses to withdraw its own forces from Lebanon.

Speaking for the government, Defense Minister Moshe Arens warned that Syrian and Palestine Liberation Organization forces would swiftly move into whatever territory the Israel army evacuates. Labor Party chairman Shimon Peres suggested that this could be prevented by posting the multinational force, now in Beirut, in the Shouf mountains.

At the same session of the Knesset, government spokesmen angrily denounced a recent suggestion by Labor Party Secretary General Haim Bar Lev that the Golan Heights could be the subject for territorial compromise with Syria. Israel captured the territory in 1967 and annexed it in 1981.

### Golan Not Negotiable

Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir said the proposal was "a tactical error as well as bad policy" because it gave the Syrians yet another reason not to withdraw from Lebanon. At the same time, Shamir closed off all talk of territorial compromise on the Golan Heights as far as the government is concerned by declaring that the Golan is part of the State of Israel. The Knesset must make it clear, he said that Israel is not ready to consider territorial compromise there.

The issue was raised yesterday in the Knesset's Foreign Affairs and Security Committee by Likud MK Ehud Olmert, triggering a sharp exchange between coalition and opposition members of the committee. Olmert contended that such suggestions were especially harmful while the U.S. was trying to persuade Syria to get out of Lebanon. Laborites retorted that it was a Likud government which returned Sinai to Egypt in exchange for peace.

Bar Lev, a former Chief of Staff, who is a member of the committee, said he made the proposal at a private gathering where he was unaware that a reporter was present. He noted that the possibility of territorial compromise on the Golan was contained in the Labor Party platform. Committee chairman Eliahu Ben-Elissar of Likud rejected all motions for a committee debate on the subject. A Knesset motion on Bar Lev's proposal was referred to committee by Likud MK Ronni Milo.

### U.S. WANTS TO QUESTION BARBIE

By Edwin Eytan

PARIS, June 8 (JTA) -- The U.S. Department

of Justice wants to interrogate Nazi war criminal Klaus Barbie, now awaiting trial in Lyon, France. The French Justice Ministry said today it has received a formal request from Alan Ryan Jr., head of the Justice Department's Office of Special Investigations (OSI).

Justice Ministry sources said they wanted a list of questions or at least subjects of the interrogation before granting the request. The U.S. apparently wants to question Barbie about his wartime activities as gestapo chief in Lyon and his activities in Germany after the war. Barbie allegedly was employed by U.S. intelligence agencies after the war which helped facilitate his escape to Bolivia. He was twice tried in absentia by French courts and sentenced to death.

Barbie is to go on trial for crimes against humanity which include the deportation of French Jews to Nazi death camps. The investigating magistrate, Christian Riss, is expected to formally reject this week Barbie's appeal for release on grounds that France used illegal methods to gain jurisdiction over him. He was expelled from Bolivia last year and turned over to French authorities. He had lived in the South American country since the early 1950s under the alias, Klaus Altmann.

Justice Ministry sources said Riss is still drafting his legal writ but has already informed the Ministry that he intends to keep Barbie in prison for the duration of legal proceedings.

Meanwhile, the Federation of Former French Resistance Fighters, holding its annual congress in Nice, asked Parliament to pass legislation allowing it to film Barbie's trial for "historic purposes." The Federation also passed a resolution calling for some of the trial proceedings to be broadcast "in order to inform France's younger generation of the horrors of the past."

### INTELLIGENCE CHIEF SAYS SYRIANS WANT TO AVOID ALL-OUT CONFLICT

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, June 8 (JTA) -- Gen. Ehud Barak, the new chief of military intelligence, said yesterday that Syria is determined not to pull its forces out of Lebanon but wants to avoid an all-out conflict with Israel. According to Barak, the Syrians may opt for small scale provocations such as attempts to shoot down Israeli aircraft over Lebanon. He also stressed that Israel is closely watching Soviet involvement in Syria.

Barak spoke at his first meeting with the media since he replaced Gen. Yehoshua Seguy. Seguy retired as chief of military intelligence after he was severely criticized in the report of the committee of inquiry into the Sabra and Shatila refugee camp massacres.

Barak said Syria was unalterably opposed to the Israel-Lebanon agreement signed May 17 as a matter of principle, not a bargaining chip. The Syrians have a long term strategic interest in Lebanon and feel the accord is a blow to their security, he said. At the same time, Damascus believes time is on its side and it has room to maneuver while Israel comes under increasing pressure to get out of Lebanon, Barak said.

Meanwhile, the Syrians will seek to undermine the accord intercepting Israeli planes and deploying artillery and ground-to-air missiles in Lebanon. Barak said Israel would "take suitable measures" with regard to the Soviet presence in Syria. He said Soviet experts were there at both the command and field levels but not Soviet soldiers. Barak estimated that the Russians had some 2,000 advisors in Syria and 2,000-3,000 manning the Soviet SAM-5 anti-aircraft missiles deployed in Syria.

The intelligence chief discounted the threat to Palestine Liberation Organization chief Yasir Arafat from dissident members of his own Al Fatah group. He said Arafat's situation is not critical and is probably exaggerated by the media. But if Arafat gives in he will be weakened and the chance of a PLO pull-out from Lebanon would be reduced, Barak said.

#### TALKS TO BEGIN ON ISRAELI POWs

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, June 8 (JTA) -- An Israeli team will begin indirect negotiations with representatives of the Palestine Liberation Organization in Geneva shortly for the release of eight Israeli soldiers captured by the PLO in Lebanon, the Jerusalem weekly "Koteret Rashit" reported today. The International Red Cross will serve as go-between, the report said.

The magazine, which credited Red Cross sources for its information, said there would be no direct contact between the two parties. Red Cross representatives would "shuttle" between the two delegations. According to the report, Israel will be represented by a senior officer of the Israel Defense Force and by Ann Marie Lambert who heads the department of humanitarian contacts with international organizations at the Israel Foreign Ministry.

The Red Cross sources noted that the fact that the third party to these negotiations will not be a state indicated that "both parties (Israel and the PLO) gave up some of their principles to hold for the first time matter of fact negotiations."

According to "Koteret Rashit," a precondition for the beginning of the negotiations in Geneva was a television statement by former Brig. Gen. Moshe Nativ who headed the IDF's manpower division that Israel was ready to negotiate with the PLO for the release of the prisoners. Nativ made the statement after his retirement from the army, a condition required by the Defense Ministry.

#### SHOTS FIRED AT YESHIVA U.

By Kevin Freeman

NEW YORK, June 8 (JTA) -- Shots were fired yesterday afternoon at a building of the Yeshiva University, shattering a large window, according to reports today. No one was hurt in the incident.

According to Sam Hartstein, a spokesman for the University, six shots were fired at about 3:00 p.m. local time from a passing station wagon driven by a group of either two or four Hispanics.

Students, who were being let out of the building following examinations, could have been killed if the intention of the shooting was to inflict casualties, Hartstein said. But he said this does not appear to have been the motive as the glass was some 12 feet above the building's entrance.

Police are reported, and this was confirmed by Hartstein to suspect that the incident may be linked to the University's dismissal three weeks ago of a Hispanic maintenance employe who was caught stealing refrigerators from the University.

Hartstein said that while the University regrets the incident, they "see no reason to believe there were any other motives beyond the suspected police theory." He said this was the "most likely theory."

The incident is being investigated by the police anti-bias unit which is responsible for investigating incidents with possible religious or anti-Semitic overtones. Several suspects were reportedly questioned and released by police following the incident.

#### FIND KOSHER CHICKENS TWICE AS COSTLY AS NON-KOSHER ONES

By Ben Gallob

NEW YORK, June 8 (JTA) -- The New York City Department of Consumer Affairs, reporting on the findings of the first two "Market Basket" food price surveys since the department agreed to include kosher chicken in the list of items in those surveys, found that kosher chicken prices per pound were more than double those of non-kosher chicken, Councilman Noach Dear, a Brooklyn Democrat, said today.

Dear said the city department had added kosher chicken to its survey list at his request, a request made in support of his contention that "the kosher food price problem is a problem that needs year-around attention, not just publicity around the holidays."

Dear said the department sends comparison shoppers to 150 retail groceries in all five boroughs, checking prices of 140 items, a procedure that takes two weeks. He said that for the first survey including kosher chickens, May 9 to May 20, 21 of the 150 stores carried kosher chicken. The survey found that kosher chicken sold, on an average of \$1.50 per pound, compared with non-kosher chicken average prices of 60 cents, a 90 cent per pound differential.

For the second survey, covering the same 150 stores during the May 23-June 3 period, 24 stores were found to carry kosher chicken and the average price per pound was \$1.44, compared to an average for non-kosher chicken of 58 cents, a differential of 86 cents, Dear told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency.

Dear defended a previous report that public pressure had caused a drop of 37 cents per pound in the price of kosher-for-Passover prices before the holiday last March. That report had been questioned by Marvin Schick, a long-time Jewish community activist, who said, in a letter to the JTA that while it was true that the consumer affairs department "did indicate that the cost of matzah and other Passover products had gone down, "the period was from April 11 to April 15," after the holiday.

Schick wrote that "this was after the Passover holiday and therefore it is not surprising that products which had been prepared primarily for Passover use were now being sold at a reduced price. There was no decrease in price before Passover and there was, at best, a small decline during the holiday."

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VIENNA (JTA) -- An international United Nations conference on Palestine is not likely to be held here in Vienna this summer, Austrian Chancellor Fred Sinowatz said Tuesday. Sinowatz did not directly dismiss the idea of such a conference but pointed at the short time left for the organization and that all major hotels are already booked for this summer.

## SHULTZ CHARGES SOVIETS INCREASING TENSIONS IN MIDEAST BY SHIPPING ARMS

By Edwin Eytan

PARIS, June 8 (JTA) -- U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz accused the Soviet Union today of increasing tension in the Middle East by sending advanced weaponry and military experts to Syria.

"Any development which contributes to putting more foreign troops into Lebanon than there were at the end of the hostilities is an unwelcome development and only adds to existing tensions," Shultz said in briefing reporters on the eve of the two-day NATO Council conference here. "It is very undesirable to have more forces in the Bekaa valley" of Lebanon.

The Secretary said the Palestinians should be encouraged to negotiate with Israelis "so that they may express their legitimate rights and their desires." He refused to comment on the split between the various factions of the Palestine Liberation Organization.

The main factor in the Mideast "is the Soviet Union's opposition" to the Israeli-Lebanese agreement for the withdrawal of Israeli troops from Lebanon, Shultz stressed. "This is additional proof that the Soviets do not want peace in the Middle East."

Shultz is scheduled to discuss the Middle East with French President Francois Mitterrand on Friday. France has some 2000 troops in Lebanon as part of the multinational force there.

## U.S. UNDECIDED ON LEBANON MOVE

By Helen Silver

WASHINGTON, June 8 (JTA) -- The Reagan Administration appeared undecided today as to whether it will be necessary for Secretary of State George Shultz to return to the Middle East to conclude an agreement for the withdrawal of Syrian troops from Lebanon.

Lebanese Foreign Minister Elie Salem, in Washington for meetings with Administration officials, said today at the American Enterprise Institute that Syria will probably seek a high level American involvement in negotiating a Syrian withdrawal from Lebanon, simultaneously with the withdrawal of Israeli troops and Palestine Liberation Organization forces.

At the same time, Philip Habib, President Reagan's special envoy to the Mideast, was in Washington this week for "consultations." It was reported earlier that Habib, along with U.S. Ambassadors to several Mideast countries, would meet in Washington to discuss efforts to persuade the Syrians to withdraw.

At the State Department, deputy spokesman Alan Romberg would only say it is "premature" to speculate on whether the U.S. is prepared to play a high level role as Salem suggested earlier. "We have a continuing deep interest in this question and the issue of getting all foreign forces out of Lebanon and we continue to have an active diplomatic dialogue with a variety of parties on the subject," Romberg said.

Romberg also reiterated that the U.S. had "discussed" the Middle East issue and the withdrawal of foreign troops from Lebanon with the Soviet Union, although he said he could provide no details of these exchanges. "We have discussed the Middle East issue with the Soviets ... and our objectives is to get all foreign forces out of Lebanon and restore Lebanese

sovereignty throughout the country while assuring security across Israel's northern border."

The Department spokesman said that he was not aware of any consideration to reopen the Israeli-Lebanese agreement signed May 17. He acknowledged that Secretary of State George Shultz, while in the Mideast indicated, the Syrians might be concerned over some aspects of the agreement, but the concerns do "not equate to the question of reopening the agreement," he said. The concerns may be that the security zone in south Lebanon might go over into the Syrian-Lebanese border.

## NEW ISRAELI ENVOY TO U.S. STRESSES PLO NOW IN DISARRAY

NEW YORK, June 8 (JTA) -- Meir Rosenne, Israel's new Ambassador to the United States, claimed here that Israel has achieved "positive benefits" from the war in Lebanon, one of them being the crushing of the Palestine Liberation Organization which is now in disarray.

Rosenne addressed the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations yesterday in what was his first public appearance since he assumed his post in Washington. He was formerly Israel's Ambassador to France. He stressed that "without an independent base of operation" such as it enjoyed in Lebanon, "the PLO is incapable of mounting an effective military or political attack against Israel." He noted that the mutiny against PLO chief Yasir Arafat among his own El Fatah group confirmed the benefits of Israel's "Peace for Galilee" operation.

"Thanks to the courage and skill of Israel's Defense Forces, the PLO threat to Israel -- confirmed by the documents discovered and the huge arms supplies seized by Israel in Lebanon -- has been crushed," Rosenne said. "The circle of peace has been widened to include Beirut as well as Cairo. And Israel's relations with America and with Europe continue to improve following our signing of a withdrawal agreement with Lebanon while Syria proves itself the intransigent party," he said.

The Israeli envoy however accused the world community of hypocrisy and a double standard. Sanctions imposed on Israel when it invaded Lebanon "are absent when it comes to Syria," he said.

Earlier in the meeting Julius Berman was reelected by acclamation to a second one-year term as chairman of the Presidents Conference.

Berman, who introduced Rosenne, declared: "Mr. Ambassador, we pledge to you -- as we pledged to your predecessors over the past 25 years -- the commitment each of us has made as individuals and as representatives of our organizations to strengthen the friendship, the common purpose and the shared values that mark the relationship of Israel and the United States."

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TEL AVIV (JTA) -- A car bomb went off Wednesday in West Beirut as an Israeli patrol was passing by. Israeli officials did not give any details of casualties. But according to reports from Beirut two Israeli soldiers were killed and several others injured. The bomb, which was in a Mercedes, was reportedly detonated by remote control.

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GENEVA (JTA) -- President Hosni Mubarak of Egypt said here Wednesday that while the Israeli policy of settlements in the occupied territories represents a regression to colonial concepts, the recognition of the legitimate national rights of the Palestinian people does not in any way contradict Israel's security and right to live in peace.

## PLAN PROPOSED FOR SHARED RULE OF WEST BANK, GAZA BY ISRAEL JORDAN, PALESTINIAN INHABITANTS

JERUSALEM, June 8 (JTA) -- A group of leading political and intellectual figures in Israel has proposed a plan for shared rule of the West Bank and Gaza Strip by Israel, Jordan and the Palestinian inhabitants of those territories.

The proposal, introduced at a press conference here, was detailed in a 25-page report sponsored by the Jerusalem Center for Public Affairs, a privately funded think tank. It was advanced as "a just compromise" and an alternative to Israel's annexation of the territories or the creation of a Palestinian state.

The plan calls for Palestinian autonomy within a joint Israeli-Jordanian condominium on the West Bank and Gaza. Israeli settlers would remain in the territories and Palestinians and Israelis would enjoy freedom of movement within and outside the area. The Arab inhabitants could opt for either Israeli or Jordanian citizenship and vote accordingly in Israeli or Jordanian parliamentary elections.

The study group that produced the plan represents a broad political spectrum ranging from Laborites to members of Premier Menachem Begin's Herut party, the National Religious Party and other factions. It was chaired by Prof. Daniel Elazar, an American born political scientist who teaches at Bar Ilan University and heads the Jerusalem Center for Public Affairs.

### Plan Working Elsewhere

Their consensus was that "given the conflicting Jewish and Arab claims and demographic and political realities," shared rule was "realistic" and "a just compromise." The report noted that existing forms of self-rule or autonomy have been "workable arrangements" in Canada, India, Switzerland and Austria, all countries in which different ethnic or linguistic groups enjoy "self rule/ shared arrangements."

The group rejected Israel's withdrawal to its pre-1967 borders which would pose serious security problems and was "totally unacceptable" to the majority of Israelis. Similarly, it concluded, Israel's annexation of the West Bank and Gaza has "no chance of being accepted" by the Arabs or the international community and was opposed by many Israelis because the need to absorb more than one million Arabs posed "a serious domestic threat."

Also ruled out was repartition of the territory which has been "firmly rejected" by the Arabs and "effectively jettisoned" by the Camp David accords. Partitioning the West Bank between Jews and Arabs, the report said, would create "strategic threats to Israel" in terms of vulnerable borders and potential danger to Israel's water resources. The report cited growing economic interdependence among Israel, Jordan and the territories as another "barrier to repartition" while a Palestinian state in any part of the territory "cannot be considered a reasonable option."

The "only potentially workable alternative" the report said, is to combine "some form of self-rule, home rule or autonomy with shared rule" that would meet essential needs. The report envisioned "substantial economic integration of Israel, the territories and Jordan."

According to the study group, a "de facto shared rule" is already "in place" on the West Bank. "While Israel basically controls security and the economy, Jordan shapes the relationships between individuals and groups in Judea, Samaria and the Arab world. Jordan provides them with a legal identity; the Jordanian curriculum is used in their schools; Jordan registers organizations and controls the operation of trade relations between the territories and the Arab world."

The report contends that "Right now the portion of the land that is the focus of the dispute is already a joint tenancy, with local inhabitants enjoying considerable autonomy de facto in their internal matters and daily life."

The development of this plan, the report said, will require "utmost sensitivity" to the particular needs of the four principals. They were identified as the Jewish and Arab peoples, each of whom "must maintain the maximum amount of independence on a separate basis;" the Palestinian Arab public, which "must be given maximum feasible self-rule within a larger context of sharing;" the territory, which should be "subject to the maximum feasible amount of shared rule" by the various claimants; and the states of Israel and Jordan, which will wish to maintain "their own independence and status as politically sovereign entities" but which at the same time "should be linked through shared functional arrangements ... to provide the structural and institutional cement for the entire arrangement."

In addition to Prof. Elazar, the authors of the report are: Prof. Emeritus Benjamin Akzin of the Hebrew University, long identified with Herut; Gabriel Ben-Dor, pro-rector and professor of political science at Haifa University; Moshe Drori, legal advisor to the West Bank military government from 1970-74; Haggai Eshed, political columnist for the Laborite daily Davar; Yehezkel Flamin, a former Knesset member of Likud's Liberal Party wing; Joseph Lanir, a member of the Labor Party directorate and a leader of the United Kibbutz movement; Shmuel Sandler, of the NRP; and Zalman Shoval, a former MK representing the late Moshe Dayan's Telem faction.

### THOUSANDS GREET SATMAR REBBE By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, June 7 (JTA) -- The Satmar Rebbe, Rabbi Moishe Teitelbaum, arrived in Israel yesterday on his first visit since becoming head of the Hasidic movement. He came to be proclaimed officially as the Rebbe of the Satmar Hasidim, both in Israel and abroad. He arrived with an entourage of 200.

Among the group of an estimated 20,000 followers who waited for him near the Mandelbaum gate were some who made a special trip to Jerusalem to witness the event. He had been scheduled to bless a large group of boys but by the time his car arrived at the gate, his followers became so frenzied by his presence he could not get out of his black Cadillac sedan. Surrounded by a wall of police, he and his entourage were led to Shabbos Square in the Mea Shearim quarter where he officially assumed his title.

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BONN (JTA) -- The West German government is currently examining the question of possible arms sales to Saudi Arabia, Economic Minister Otto Count Lambsdorff told a radio interviewer.